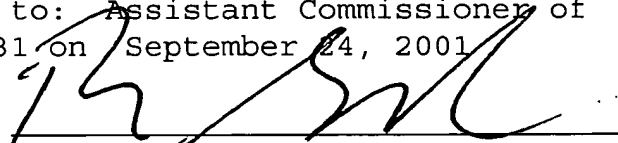


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Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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Please amend the claims (as amended under the PCT) in accordance with the marked-up version attached hereto. A clean